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SUBJ: RIGHTS OF ARMENIANS IN TURKEY

REF: A. STATE 190560

B. ISTANBUL 1640

C. ANKARA 5461

1. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT POUCHING US COPY OF "1976 ANNUAL REPORT" (REF A) WHICH WE HAVE NOT SEEN AND DO NOT HAVE. IN THE COURSE OF MY INTRODUCTORY COURTESY CALLS, I WILL BE CALLING ON ARCHBISHOP KALOUSTIAN, THE ARMENIAN PATRIARCH. DURING MY CALL, HE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RAISE THE STATUS OF ARMENIANS AND I WILL REQUEST A COPY OF HIS ANNUAL REPORT. GIVEN SENSITIVITY OF TURKISH OFFICIALS ON THIS SUBJECT, HOWEVER, I AM NOT CERTAIN IT CAN BE PROVIDED INSIDE TURKEY. IN ANY EVENT, IT WILL PROBABLY BE A WEEK OR TEN DAYS BEFORE I CALL ON HIM. I SHOULD CALL ON THE GREEK PATRIARCH FIRST, AND I WILL DO THAT AS QUICKLY AS I CAN.
2. SINCE INSTABUL'S 1640, ONLY NEW INSTANCE OF ALLEGED DIS-CRIMINATORY ACTION AGAINST ARMENIANS, WE ARE AWARE OF INVOLVED REFUSING ADMISSION INTO TURKEY OF ARMENIAN-ORIGIN FOREIGN NATIONALS (REF C). SINCE THIS QUESTION SURFACED, WE WERE INFORMED BY A TURKISH CITIZEN OF ARMENIAN ORIGIN THAT HER AMCIT SON HAD BEEN REFUSED ENTRY JULY 2, 1977. AS EMBASSY INDICATED (REF C).

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HOWEVER, THIS MEASURE BY TURKISH IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS WAS APPARENTLY RESCINDED SHORTLY AFTER IT WAS INTRODUCED, AND WE HAVE RECEIVED NO REPORTS THAT IT IS STILL BEING IMPLEMENTED.

3. IN PREPARING REF B, CONSULTE GENERAL REVIEWED STATEMENT BY PATRIARCH KALOUSTIAN ENTITLED "RESTRICTIONS ON THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY IN TURKEY (1974)," AND COMMENTED ON MANY

POINTS IT CONTAINED REGARDING INFRINGEMENT OF RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION AND PROPERTY RIGHTS. UNTIL WE SEE THE SPECIFIC
CHARGES CONTAINED IN "1976 ANNUAL REPORT," THERE IS LITTLE
WE CAN ADD TO REF B. WE WILL FOLLOW SUBJECT CLOSELY AND
REPORT PERTINENT INFORMATION INCLUDING ANY DEVELOPED FROM MY
MEETING WITH PATRIARCH.
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